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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 30TH UNGA: BAHRAIN POSITION

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1. ROK AMBASSADOR TO TEHRAN, HYUN, CALLED SEPTEMBER 28 TO DISCUSS GOB ATTITUDE TOWARD KOREA QUESTION IN UNGA. SAID HE HAD COME TO BAHRAIN URGENTLY SEPTEMBER 27, HAD CALLED ON MFA OFFICIAL BAHLOOL PRIOR TO MY MEETING WITH ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER URRAYED, AND HAD GOTTEN MOST NON-COMMITTAL RECEPTION. MORNING SEPTEMBER 28, HOWEVER, WHEN HE CALLED ON BAHLOOL AND URRAYED, HE HAD NOTICED SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN GOB ATTITUDE. HE WAS TOLD URRAYED HAD MET WITH PRIME MINISTER AFTER MY CALL AND THEY HAD CONTACTED FOREIGN MINISTER IN NEW YORK TO DISCUSS GOB'S POSITION. HYUN SAID URRAYED QUESTIONED HIM CLOSELY ABOUT LIKELY SAUDI, EGYPTIAN AND KUWAITI POSITIONS ON HOSTILE AND FRIENDLY RESOLUTIONS. URRAYED INDICATED MATTER NOW WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BUT THAT GOB WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT WITHIN ITS PERCEPTION OF BAHRAIN'S OWN NATIONAL INTERESTS
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(THAT IS, ALIGNMENT OF ARAB GROUPS ON THIS QUESTION) TO BE

HELPFUL, INDICATING GOB PARTICULARLY SYMPATHETIC TO IDEA
OF VOTING AGAINST HOSTILE RESOLUTION.

2. HYUN EXPRESSED TO ME DEEP APPRECIATION FOR OUR EFFORTS AND
HIS SENSE THAT GOB MUCH MORE INCLINED TO BE FORTHCOMING THIS YEAR
THAN IN THE PAST. HE TENDED TO SHARE MY ASSESSMENT THAT
DECISION ON GOB VOTING NOW IN HANDS OF FOREIGN MINISTER IN
NEW YORK.

3. FOR USUN: MY SOMEWHAT DATED INFORMATION IS THAT FOREIGN
MINISTER HOPES TO LEAVE NEW YORK IN FIRST FEW DAYS OF OCTOBER,
PASSING THROUGH PARIS TO PICK UP FAMILY ENROUTE BACK TO BAHRAIN.
CHARACTERISTICALLY HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE HERE FOR BUSINESS
OCTOBER 11 AFTER EID HOLIDAY BUT WOULD BE UNREACHABLE FROM
TIME HE LEAVES NEW YORK UNTIL THEN. HENCE, HE WOULD BE
INCLINED TO LEAVE FAIRLY SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS WITH BAHRAINI
DELEGATION ON HOW TO HANDLE ANY VOTES WHICH MIGHT COME UP IN
THIS PERIOD. THIS FACTOR REINFORCES IMPORTANCE OF OUR GETTING
TO HIM SOONEST IN NEW YORK.

4. FOR ABU DHABI: HYUN EXPECTS TO ARRIVE ABU DHABI MORNING
SEPTEMBER 29.
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